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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAM YDRMIT: MEMBERSHIP  
QUESTIONS.

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1. SURPRISE FOR AUGUST 15 WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MALDIVES  
HAD BEEN ADMITTED AS FULL MEMBER OF NAM. EXPLAINING  
DECISION DURING LATE EVENING AUGUST 15 PRESS CONFERENCE,  
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, SRI LANKA'S FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIKE,  
SAID THAT MALDIVIAN MEMBERSHIP WAS PROPOSED BY LIBYA AND  
"SUPPORTED BY SRI LANKA". HE SAID MALDIVIAN ENTRANCE  
WAS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION IN THE  
HEART OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE FACT THAT THE  
MALDIVIANS HAD "DISMANTLED" THE BRITISH MILITARY BASE  
AT GAN ISLAND. BANDARANAIKE SAID MALDIVIANS HAD SENT  
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CABLE SAYING THEY WILL ATTEND SUMMIT.

2. ON OTHER QUESTIONS, BANDARANAIKE SAID BELIZE HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR "SPECIAL STATUS" WHICH WILL ALLOW IT TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT WAS NOT INVITED AND THAT CHILE WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: IN FACT WE ARE TOLD BANDARANAIKE WAS EMBARRASSED BY MALDIVIAN MEMBERSHIP DECISION AS HE HAD INSISTED ON FORMAL APPLICATION TO NACC IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE (REFTEL) AND THEN WAS FORCED TO YIELD. APPEARS TO US THAT MALDIVIAN ADMISSION MAY REPRESENT ATTEMPT BY SOME TO HEAD OFF ANY POSSIBILITY THAT MALDIVIANS MIGHT SELL GAN MILITARY FACILITY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.  
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